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The 1999 California Children's Healthy Eating and Exercise Practices Survey: From Research to Policy Implications

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Abstract (expand to permit all words to be recorded; 250 word limit) Purpose of the Survey: To collect dietary intake and physical activity data for state-level surveillance of California children. Method: The survey, designed for children age 9-11, used a demographically balanced market research panel method combining a mail survey with a telephone follow-up. In the spring of 1999, the parent-assisted two-day diet and exercise diary was collected by mail from 814 children. The follow-up telephone interview contacted 394 children for key attitude and knowledge information. Results: The response rates for the mail and telephone surveys were 41% and 51% respectively. Of the children surveyed, just under one-third were at risk of overweight (BMI >85<sup>th</sup> and <95<sup>th</sup> percentile) or already overweight (BMI >95<sup>th</sup> percentile). Participation in school meal programs and nutrition education classes was associated with greater fruit and vegetable consumption. Children eating school lunch consumed more fluid milk and ate less sweet foods. One-quarter of children reported having a school cafeteria with fast food and 16% reported having soda vending machines at school. All differences reported are statistically significant at p<.05. Conclusion: Utilizing the findings to advocate for policy changes with elected school district officials and legislators will be discussed.

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